

The Mackinac State Historic Parks complex is one of the most successful historic site complexes in North America. The Mackinac Island State Park Commission helps bring tourism to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and aids the local economy. This resolution commemorates the restoration and opening of Fort Mackinac to the public in 1958.

As a native Michigander, I have always enjoyed the beautiful and abundant natural resource that is Mackinac Island. All of my visits to Mackinac Island have been rewarding and fulfilling.

I join my fellow colleagues, in honoring the accomplishments and creation of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program, and to commemorate the 50th anniversary by supporting this resolution.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BOB INGLIS.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Account: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Air Force—Materials.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cytec Carbon Fibers LLC.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7139 Augusta Road, Piedmont, South Carolina 29673.

Description of Request: The purpose of the request is to provide an earmark of \$3,000,000 to conduct research and development aimed at producing a domestic source of cost effective, high performance carbon fiber used to manufacture efficient manned and unmanned air and space vehicles for the military. Approximately, \$250,000 (8%) is to continue R&D for scale process optimization to ensure equivalent or superior product performance through modified polymer chemistry; \$200,000 (7%) is to continue R&D for scale process optimization to ensure equivalent or superior product performance through carbon fiber surface science for improved property translation in composites; \$250,000 (8%) to produce (pilot scale) and test 12k versions of phase I defined advanced PAN-based carbon fibers; \$200,000 (7%) to establish testing protocols with Greenville and York Technical Colleges; \$350,000 (12%) to generate meaningful preliminary composite data for use by target program managers; \$150,000 (5%) to establish training parameters for manufacturing and use of high performance carbon fibers; \$300,000 (10%) to begin scale-up of production/commercial capability; \$350,000 (12%) to produce multiple production-scale carbon fiber lots of selected 12k versions of advanced fibers; \$600,000 (20%) to initiate qualification/design allowable database test programs based on key military applications, and \$350,000 (12%) for Air Force Research Laboratory project management.

In an effort to reduce the Department of Defense's fossil fuel dependence, the DoD has recently given significant attention to lightweighting manned and unmanned ground

and air vehicles through advanced materials, such as composite structures, which are currently only available from foreign suppliers. The military has demonstrated a need for access to a lower cost domestic source of new advanced carbon fibers and testing protocols. Cytec Carbon Fibers will provide a domestic solution and utilize its carbon fiber expertise to develop and manufacture high performance carbon fibers in its Greenville, South Carolina plant to be used for military applications including J-UCAS, UCAR, Global Hawk, Predator, F-18 E/F, JSF and V-22 as well as missile and satellite components. The ultimate goal would be for Cytec to work with local technical colleges, such as Greenville and York Technical Colleges to establish a knowledge base on the manufacturing, testing, repair and efficient use of advanced composite materials. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Air Force—Materials Account. Since 2006, Cytec Carbon Fibers has invested \$7 million to upgrade its R&D facilities and pilot plan capabilities.

#### HONORING STEVE L. BUTTS OF HERNANDO, FLORIDA

##### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Steve L. Butts, a veteran from Hernando, Florida who has recently been recognized with the Saint Martin Award, a tribute given under the authority of the U.S. Army Quartermaster General.

At the age of 17, Mr. Butts enlisted in the Army, and was sent to Quartermaster School in Ft. Lee, Virginia, eventually rising to the rank of sergeant. Assigned to the 1st LOG Command in Vietnam during 1969, Sgt Butts then served with the 2nd LOG Command in Okinawa in 1970. Prior to his retirement in 1989, Butts was appointed to warrant officer and was commissioned at West Point Academy. In addition to his service in Panama, Germany, Italy, France, England, Ireland, Turkey, Afghanistan, Korea, Japan, Spain, Netherlands and Greenland, Mr. Butts was sent to Lockerbie, Scotland as part of the team investigating the wreckage of Pan Am Flight 103, for which he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal 5th OLC.

For his two decades of service to the Army Quartermasters, Mr. Butts was recently honored with the Saint Martin Award for distinguished service to the military. Martin was a Roman soldier who served during the time of Emperor Constantine and who during a campaign in Gaul kindly gave half of his warm cloak to a beggar who had been ignored by the rest of his troops. That evening Martin was visited by the Lord, who praised him for his kindness toward the poor beggar. Today, Saint Martin serves as the patron saint of the Quartermaster Regiment and lends his name to the award recently bestowed upon Steve Butts for his lifetime of service to the Army Quartermasters. The award recognized not just his years of military service, but also his continued commitment to the men and women

who serve today in the Army Quartermaster units throughout the world.

Madam Speaker, it is veterans like Steve Butts who have served our Nation with honor and distinction and who deserve our praise and recognition. Completing his service and retiring from the Army, Mr. Butts continued to work with the Quartermaster regiments around the world, serving as an example for all men and women seeking to serve our great Nation. I congratulate Steve on his well deserved recognition and hope that he continues his service to the Quartermasters for many years to come.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and thus I missed rollcall votes No. 331 through No. 337. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On rollcall vote No. 331 on H.R. 6081, The Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 332, on H.R. 6074, Gas Price Relief for Consumers Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 333, on H. Res. 1144. Expressing support for designation of a "Frank Sinatra Day" on May 13, 2008, in honor of the dedication of the Frank Sinatra commemorative, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 334, on Adjournment Resolution, Providing for the Memorial Day Recess, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 335, on H.R. 1464, to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 336, on H.R. 2649, to make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 337, on H.R. 2744, Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act, I would have voted "aye."

#### COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PILGRIM VALLEY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

##### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Pilgrim Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. The church, which was organized in 1908 in a three-room house by Reverend James Hardeman, has grown and become a candescent light in the community.

The congregation, which was originally located on Orr Street, has several times outgrown their buildings and therefore several moves have been required. The church is now located on South Riverside Drive. For years,